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Nihongo Doujou - Japanese Days in a Daze

Learn about last week, this week, next week, days of the week

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Dialogue - Japanese

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A: じゃ、ありがとうございました。 （バタン！タッタッタッタ...）

B: あれ？夏見さん。夏見さん！夏見さーん！

A: え？ああ、東くん。ファブリツィオの パーティー・・・。

B: え？ファブリツィオのパーティー？ファブリツィオの パーティーは 明日ですよ。

A: うそ？！今日は 何曜日ですか。

B: 今日は 土曜日です。パーティーは 明日です。日曜日です。

A: え？今日は 土曜日ですか？うそー！本当？

Vocabulary

☑ English Kana Rōmaji

明日 [あした]
tomorrow
1 EXAMPLE
明日は１２月２０日です。
Tomorrow is December 20th.

嘘 [うそ]
lie, incorrect fact
1 EXAMPLE
うそです。
It's a lie.

本当 [ほんとう]
truth, reality
1 EXAMPLE
本当？
Really?

今日 [きょう]
today, this day

月曜日 [げつようび]
Monday

火曜日 [かようび]
Tuesday

水曜日 [すいようび]
Wednesday

木曜日 [もくようび]
Thursday

金曜日 [きんようび]
Friday

土曜日 [どようび]
Saturday
1 EXAMPLE
今週の土曜日は、雨です。
It will be rainy this Saturday.

日曜日 [にちようび]
Sunday

何曜日 [なんようび]
what day?

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Lesson Notes

Lesson Focus

Target phrase:

1.きょう は どようび です。
Kyō wa doyōbi desu.
It's Saturday today.

2.きょう は どようび です か。
Kyō wa doyōbi desu ka?
Is it Saturday today?

3.きょう は なんようび です か。
Kyō wa nanyōbi desu ka?
What day is it today?

Explanation:

1.**今日は土曜日**です。
きょうはどようびです。
Kyō wa doyōbi desu.

- 今日/きょう = *Kyō*
- は/*wa* = Topic marking particle
- 土曜日/どようび/*doyōbi* = Saturday
- です/*desu* = Copula (equivalent to English am/is/are)

If the subject is already understood, it can be omitted.

Sentence Pattern:

きょう	は	どようび	です。
Kyō	*wa*	*doyōbi*	*desu.*
あした	は	にちようび	です。
Ashita	*wa*	*nichiyōbi*	*desu.*
ピクニック	は	げつようび	です。
Pikunikku	*wa*	*getsuyōbi*	*desu.*

2.**今日は土曜日**ですか。
きょうはどようびですか。
Kyō wa doyōbi desu ka?

- か/*ka* = question marking particle

Sentence Pattern:

きょう	は	どようび	です	か。
Kyō	*wa*	*doyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*
あした	は	にちようび	です	か。
Ashita	*wa*	*nichiyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*
ピクニック	は	げつようび	です	か。
Pikunikku	*wa*	*getsuyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*

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3. **今日は何曜日**ですか。
きょうはなんようびですか。
Kyō wa nanyōbi desu ka?

- 今日/きょう = *Kyō*
- は/*wa* = Topic marking particle
- 何/なん/*nan* = what
- 曜日/ようび/*yōbi* = days of the week
- です/*desu* = Copula (equivalent to English am/is/are)
- か/*ka* = Question marker

Sentence Pattern:

きょう	は	なんようび	です	か。
Kyō	*wa*	*nanyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*
あした	は	なんようび	です	か。
Ashita	*wa*	*nanyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*
ピクニック	は	なんようび	です	か。
Pikunikku	*wa*	*nanyōbi*	*desu*	*ka?*

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Useful expressions from today's dialog:
★あれ？/*Are*?
★東君/ひがしくん/*Higashi-kun*
★明日/あした/*ashita*
★パーティー は あした です よ。/*Pātī wa ashita desu yo.*
★うそ!/*Uso!*
★ほんとう/*hontō*

★あれ？/*Are*?

This expression shows a speaker's surprise or realization. This can be translated as "Oh?" or "Huh?"

★東君/ひがしくん/*Higashi-kun*

東/*Higashi* = a family name
君/くん/*kun* = Mr.
君/くん/*kun* is a suffix which is added to the name of a person in the same way as さん/san. However 君/くん/*kun* is usually used to address men who are younger or the same age as the speaker.

See other suffix:

-様/-さま/*-sama* - The most polite suffix in everyday life
-さん/*-san* - Most common suffix
-君/-くん/*-kun* - Used for people younger or about the same age as the speaker. (Usually used for men in a daily conversation)
-ちゃん/*-chan* - Affectionate suffix which is usually used for children or younger familiar females.

東/ひがし/*Higashi*(♂) could be called
東様/ひがしさま/*Higashi-sama*
東さん/ひがしさん/*Higashi-san*
東君/ひがしくん/*Higashi-kun*
東ちゃん/ひがしちゃん/*Higashi-chan* - It's rare to attach "-ちゃん/*-chan*" to a male's name, but some people like to do it to show their friendliness.

★明日/あした/*ashita*
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ashita means "tomorrow."
The *Kanji* 明日 has 3 readings, "あした/*ashita*," "あす/*asu*" and "みょうにち/*myōnichi*." "あした/*ashita*" is commonly used in daily conversations.

Compare:

昨日/きのう/*kinō* = yesterday
今日/きょう/*kyō* = today

*今日 has 2 readings, "きょう/*kyō*" and "こんにち/*konnichi*." "きょう/*kyō*"is commonly used in a daily conversation.
*昨日 has 2 readings, "きのう/*kinō*" and "さくじつ/*sakujitsu*." "きのう/*kinō*" is commonly used in a daily conversation.
*"明日/あした/*ashita*","今日/きょう/*kyō*" and "昨日/きのう/*kinō*" have irregular readings. This is called 熟字訓/*jukujikun* (a special idiomatic kanji reading). It means *Kanji* used in *Jukujikun* were chosen based on the meaning of characters not based on the Chinese readings of individual characters.

★パーティーは明日ですよ。/パーティーはあしたですよ。/*Pāteī wa ashita desu yo.*

パーティー/*Pātī* = party
は/*wa* = Topic marking particle
明日/あした/*ashita* = tomorrow
です/*desu* = Copula (equivalent to English am/is/are)
よ/*yo* = Sentence-final particle which indicates a statement of certainty.

よ/*yo* at the end of the sentence emphasize the speaker's assertion. So "パーティーはあしたですよ。/*Pātī wa ashita desu yo.*" means "The party is surely tomorrow." or "I'm certain that the party is tomorrow."

★うそ!/*Uso*!

The word "うそ/*uso*" means "a lie." In the dialog, the speaker is showing her surprise by saying "うそ!/*Uso*!" This can be translated as "It's a lie" or "This can not be true."

★本当/ほんとう/*hontō*

It means "truth." When you say "本当? /ほんとう？/*hontō*?" with a rising intonation, it means "really?" Some people drop the う and pronounce as "ホント/*honto*."

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Kanji

KANJI	READING	MEANING	1ST CHARACTER	2ND CHARACTER	3RD CHARACTER
明日	あした	Tomorrow	明・Bright	日・Day	
今日	きょう	Today	今・Now	日・Day	
昨日	きのう	Yesterday	昨・Last	日・Day	
何曜日	なん・よう・び	What day?	何・What	曜・Weekday	日・Day
本当	ほん・とう	Truth, Really	本・Present	当・Hit	

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